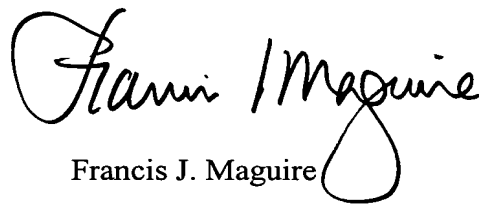


REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is submitted for the purpose of placing the application into standard U.S. format, to remove multiple dependent claims, to add claims, and to correct certain informalities in the text. Approval and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Francis J. Maguire". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "F" and "M".

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